NATIONWIDE PERMIT REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

The following regional conditions apply within the entire State of Texas:

- 1. Compensatory mitigation is required at a minimum one-for-one ratio for all special aquatic site losses that exceed 1/10 acre and require pre-construction notification, and for all losses to streams that exceed 300 linear feet and require pre-construction notification, unless the appropriate District Engineer determines in writing that some other form of mitigation would be more environmentally appropriate and provides a project-specific waiver of this requirement.
- 2. For all discharges proposed for authorization under nationwide permits (NWP) 3, 6, 7, 12, 14, 18, 19, 25, 27, 29, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44, into the following habitat types or specific areas, the applicant shall notify the appropriate District Engineer in accordance with the NWP General Condition 27. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will coordinate with the resource agencies as specified in NWP General Condition 27(d). The habitat types or areas are:
- a. Wetlands, typically referred to as pitcher plant bogs, that are characterized by an organic surface soil layer and include vegetation such as pitcher plants (<u>Sarracenia</u> sp.), sundews (<u>Drosera</u> sp.), and sphagnum moss (<u>Sphagnum</u> sp.).
- b. Bald Cypress-Tupelo Swamps: Wetlands comprised predominantly of bald cypress trees (Taxodium distichum), and water tupelo trees (Nyssa aquatica), that are occasionally or regularly flooded by fresh water. Common associates include red maple (Acer rubrum), swamp privet (Forestiera acuminata), green ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) and water elm (Planera aquatica). Associated herbaceous species include lizard's tail (Saururus cernuus), water mermaid weed (Proserpinaca spp.), buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) and smartweed (Polygonum spp.). (<a href="Eyre, F. H. Forest Cover Types of the United States and Canada. 1980. Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-2198. Library of Congress Catalog Card No. 80-54185)
- 3. For all activities proposed for authorization under NWP 12 that involve mechanized land clearing in a forested wetland, the applicant must submit a pre-construction notification to the appropriate District Engineer in accordance with the NWP General Condition 27 prior to commencing the activity.
- 4. For all activities proposed for authorization under NWP 16, the applicant must submit a pre-construction notification to the appropriate District Engineer in accordance with the NWP General Condition 27, and work cannot begin under NWP 16 until the permittee has received written approval from the Corps.